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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 9, 2010**. Mississippi farmers experienced another week of fieldwork punctuated with rain. The southern portion of the state received the most number of rainy days, while Delta farmers scrambled to get as much planting done while the ground was dry. Despite flooded fields and some reports of necessary replanting, crops conditions have not suffered. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 19 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending May 9, 2010

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	99	98	99	99
Corn, emerged	96	92	94	96
Cotton, planted	51	36	44	51
Cotton, emerged	30	--	28	31
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	54	41	52	44
Peanuts, planted	8	3	24	21
Rice, planted	88	78	73	86
Rice, emerged	74	58	56	70
Sorghum, planted	78	60	53	71
Sorghum, emerged	59	50	33	57
Soybeans, planted	75	68	66	76
Soybeans, emerged	61	47	54	60
Watermelons, planted	94	87	92	91
Winter Wheat, jointing	100	100	100	100
Winter Wheat, heading	97	90	98	99

Crop condition for week ending May 9, 2010

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Blueberries	0	1	4	90	5
Corn	0	3	25	58	14
Livestock	4	11	29	47	9
Pasture	0	14	39	44	3
Rice	0	1	23	60	16
Sorghum	0	0	24	76	0
Watermelons	0	0	0	99	1
Winter Wheat	0	4	25	60	11

Comments

“Water is off the fields, but we will have some replanting. There was some cotton planted last week, but rain has stopped all fieldwork for a few more days.”

— Don Respons, Quitman

“We had a few days of good weather that allowed producers to plant soybeans.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Corn and soybean losses from the heavy rains and flooding appear to be minimal. Most fields that were planted remained under flood water less than twelve hours.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Sunday saw extreme flooding in the county, and most of the planted crops were underwater. In anticipation of the severe storms, farmers held off on planting, so there was no fieldwork until the end of the week.”

— Shelaine Pennington, Prentiss

“Rice planting is nearing completion; soybean and cotton planting continues to move forward.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Over three inches of rainfall last weekend stopped all fieldwork for most of the week. Some fieldwork and herbicide spraying started on Thursday. Crops are looking better since the rain, but there was some damage due to the flooding of low spots in some fields.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“We are finally getting in shape to finish planting both soybeans and cotton if rains will hold off this week.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Planting will soon be finished. Crops look good and healthy across the board with occasional weed trouble.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Rain has again stopped all fieldwork. Good progress was made with our cotton planting last week. Crops are off to a good start.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Tunica County received from one to four inches of rain over the past weekend, depending on what part of the county you live in. Most producers were back in the field planting by Thursday.

— Anthony Bland Tunica

“Cotton planters started rolling Thursday and Friday. Any rain we received Friday night will stop everything for a few days.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Very heavy rains last week.”

— Romona O. Edge, Itawamba

“Part of the county received golf ball sized hail last Sunday; however, it did not damage crops.”

— Juli Hughes, Choctaw

“Weather has been hotter than average, and some fields were wet early in the week.”

— Wayne Porter, Lauderdale

“We are planting peanuts, and watermelons are being "laid-by". We could use some rain.”

— Judith Breland, Stone

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 9, 2010									
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	89	52	71	69	2	0.05	-1.12	1	5.75
Cleveland	92	56	72	69	3	0.07	-1.20	1	1.88
Lambert 1W	92	50	73			0.09	-1.20	1	5.66
Tunica 2N	91	52	72	68	4	0.00	-1.33	0	2.88
Extreme/Average	92	50	72	68	4	0.05	-1.21	1	4.43
North-Central									
Batesville 2SW	89	49	70	66	4	0.95	-0.27	1	8.70
Calhoun City	88	53	71	67	4	2.00	0.74	1	4.96
Hickory Flat	88	34	67	65	2	1.36	0.10	1	7.09
Holly Springs 4N	88	43	68	64	4	0.39	-0.87	1	10.57
Independence	87	46	68	66	2	0.25	-0.94	1	8.83
Oxford	90	47	70	66	4	1.04	-0.22	1	4.87
Water Valley	89	47	69	66	3	2.50	1.24	1	5.52
Extreme/Average	90	34	69	66	3	1.21	-0.05	1	7.22
Northeast									
Booneville	87	46	68	65	3	4.92	3.51	1	9.36
Corinth 7SW	88	54	71	68	3	5.05	3.72	1	13.34
Iuka	86	45	69	63	6	0.00	-1.39	0	1.68
Tupelo 2	89	50	71			2.75	0.00	1	4.65
Pontotoc Exp Stn	89	48	70	67	3	2.05	0.81	1	3.56
Verona	89	50	71	67	4	2.85	1.73	1	4.60
Extreme/Average	89	45	70	66	4	2.94	1.61	1	6.20
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	90	53	72	69	3	1.80	0.33	1	4.65
Moorhead	90	53	73	70	3	0.01	-1.25	1	6.31
Rolling Fork	94	52	73	69	4	0.32	-0.94	1	1.98
Extreme/Average	94	52	73	70	3	0.71	-0.62	1	4.31
Central									
Canton 4N	91	45	71	69	2	0.56	-0.84	2	1.45
Eupora 2E	90	46	69	67	2	2.60	1.41	1	10.03
Forest 3S	89	43	71	68	3	1.25	0.07	1	1.96
Winona 5E	86	45	68	64	4	1.87	0.68	1	10.27
Extreme/Average	91	43	70	68	2	1.57	0.31	1	1.71
East-Central									
Aberdeen	88	50	71	67	4	1.14	-0.12	1	4.52
Columbus	91	52	72	68	4	0.00	-1.01	0	4.09
State University	93	50	73	67	6	1.45	0.26	1	6.13
Extreme/Average	93	50	72	68	4	0.86	-0.35	1	4.91
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	89	51	71	69	2	0.22	-1.13	2	1.63
Natchez	90	50	71	71		0.53	-0.75	2	0.81
Oakley Exp	92	55	73	69	4	1.31	0.17	2	2.49
Port Gibson 1NE	91	47	70	68	2	0.37	-0.94	2	1.13
Vicksburg	90	51	73			0.26	0.00	2	1.18
Extreme/Average	92	47	72	70	2	0.54	-0.73	2	1.40
South-Central									
Collins	88	50	72	69	3	1.00	-0.37	1	1.60
Columbia	91	53	74	70	4	1.30	-0.02	1	4.01
Monticello	94	55	75	69	6	0.00	-1.40	0	0.04
Raleigh 6N	88	45	70			1.93	0.00	3	2.35
Extreme/Average	94	45	73	70	3	1.06	-0.27	1	2.00
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	89	56	74	70	4	0.88	-0.38	1	2.37
Laurel	89	51	72	69	3	0.10	-1.15	1	2.40
Newton Exp	89	47	71	67	4	0.91	-0.15	2	3.26
Waynesboro 2W	93	52	75	69	6	1.53	0.41	2	2.98
Extreme/Average	93	47	73	69	4	0.86	-0.33	2	2.75
Coastal									
Biloxi	87	58	76	72	4	2.26	1.07	2	6.23
Wiggins	89	54	73	70	3	2.00	0.78	1	2.19
Extreme/Average	89	54	74	72	2	2.13	0.82	2	6.23
State Averages	94	34	72	69	3	1.16	-0.10	1	3.83

DFN = Departure from Normal.